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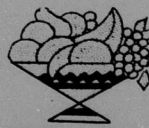
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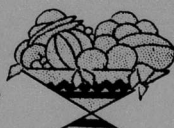
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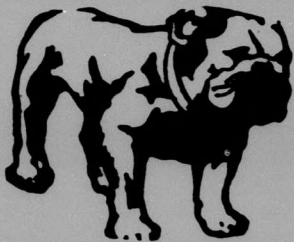
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HEROES AND OWNERS

By Robert Whitaker.

The Los Angeles Times of this date, Sunday, October 27, 1929, gives the right hand column of the first page of the first section, almost the whole of page eight of the same section and a column of page nine to an illustrated account of the Fourth International Oratorical Contest held in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., last night. Beyond the items indicated above, the space and prominence given to this event by such a conspicuously patriotic periodical as the Times, there are several features of the report itself which may well be considered by the everyday American.

First is the fact that the three places recognized by the judges among the winners, first, second and third positions, all went to contestants outside of the United States. There were half a dozen other orators, and the order in which they stood with judges and audience is not made public, except that Miss Lis Torsloff, the only girl contestant, is said to have had the longest continued popular ovation. The Times itself gives less extended mention of the contestant for the United States, who seems to have cut a comparatively insignificant figure, than to any other address reported, it would seem.

The first prize was won by the representative of Canada, who, significantly enough, gave his address in French, and bespoke the priority of France in the making of Canada. The third prize was won by the representative of Mexico. Thus the country to the north of us and the country to the south of us won two out of the three prizes for which nine speakers, representing nine nations, contended.

Not less interesting and important was the winning of second place by the representative of Germany. And this, only twelve years after we were told by Four-Minute mouths everywhere that the "Huns," that is, the Germans, were not worthy to be enumerated in the human family.

Fourth in this category of items we are considering is the character of the addresses in general. Only the winning three are reported in full. The patriotic note is of course emphasized, as appropriate to oratory inspired by an alliance of big business and high-up politicians, and given on this occasion in the newly dedicated hall of the D. A. R. But the Times itself remarks that "Tonight's meeting is said by those familiar with the contest since its inception four years ago to have had more the touch of genuine international good will than any of those which preceded it." This is peculiarly noticeable in the three winning addresses given, and most emphatically of all in the address of the representative from Mexico. But Canada and Germany both ring true to the same note. On the other hand, the brief report of the address given by the representative of our own country would indicate that it was a compound of hero-worship, directed toward the makers of the United States Constitution and of vain-glorious anticipation of yet greater glory for ourselves.

Finally, so far as the enumeration here is concerned, is to be noted the recognition of labor in these patriot-inspired orations. How far this recognition of the workingman went the brevity of the reports makes it impracticable to say as definitely as might be desired. There is nothing to indicate that labor had any recognition whatever in the address given on behalf of the United States, wherein the politician seems to have been charac-

teristically over-stressed. So also, in the case of England, a hero-politician, Gladstone, is given first place, and trade, not labor, is lauded as the secret of success and the measure of power. On the other hand, the speaker for France, given but a few lines, is reported to have said: "The goal of the rising generation of France 'was to see that labor is justly rewarded, to substitute the aristocracy of accomplishment for the old nobility of family and finance.'" Not so bad! But why speak of seeing that "labor is justly rewarded?" Labor doesn't want "reward." What labor wants is justice. And that, when we get it, will be found to be neither a "reward" which somebody else "sees" that labor gets, nor an "award" from the outside, but an arrangement determined by the consent of those who themselves create labor's results. Even those who think they speak up for labor still have too much of the "hand-down" attitude in what they think and say. No hand-out, but a hand on the wheel is what labor wants, and means to have.

There was more of real labor recognition, on lines of intelligent economic emphasis, in the address given by Roberto Ortiz Gris, the speaker for Mexico, it would appear from these reports. Even here the political aspects of economic relations seem to have had right of way as against the shaping of social forces by labor itself. It is something, however, to have labor openly mentioned in such addresses as these. The public schools, although the outcome of the efforts on behalf of popular education by the forces of organized labor, are conspicuously non-labor in their attitude in the United States, in general. It is no matter for surprise that the United States representative on this occasion spoke for Constitution makers and other "heroes" of like non-industrial character and career. The Danish school girl seems to have dealt most directly with actual industrial processes, as might have been expected. The United States and England are both dominated yet altogether too much by collar-and-cuff heroism, and labor consciousness has been well isolated from the schools. But it is coming. The piffle of ordinary patriotism is passing, none too rapidly, but it is passing. Even the cults of the Constitutions cannot always prevail against the emphasis of life itself, which is upon labor, and not upon verbal craftsmen in legislatures and courts.

Over against this report of international oratorical contests, and in particular the mention we have made of the character of the essay which failed to win even a third prize for the United States, let me call attention in a few words to the full page editorial exploitation in Collier's, for November 2, 1929, of the "Owners of America." The article, illustrated with an upturned cornucopia out of which the golden coin is pouring in a flood, begins after this fashion: "In every second of every business day \$1000 is invested by the American public in new offerings of securities." The statement is quoted by Collier's from "an investment banker." The rest of the article is in keeping with it. "Is not this great Babylon which I have builded?" Nebuchadnezzar's boast before he went to eating grass, might better be the heading of it.

Mark you the arrogant nationalism of it. "Owners of America." Yet it is neither Canada nor Mexico which is considered here, nor any part of the

South American continent. It is U. S., more properly written U.S. We are IT. Or rather our "investment bankers" are IT, with the effort to make out a case for the extraordinary good fortune of those whose monies they invest. Stockholders have grown in numbers; bank deposits in amount. But the inference that the workers of our particular portion of America, the only America we seem to need to recognize, own more of the country in which they live, or have larger control over its resources, is palpably false, as anyone can discover who will take note of the disproportionate growth of great fortunes and concentrated management as against the comfort of the common people and their determination of their own fortunes.

Our big popular magazines are worse than our public schools when it comes to giving out hero-worship toward the successful and braggadocio as to the future of the United States. It is time the workers had more say through the press, as well as through the schools. They will get both when they are in fact "the owners of America."

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THE ALLEN-A STRIKE.

Allen and Earl Steele, representing the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers' Union, are kept busy telling the local unions here about the Allen-A hosiery strike, that is now entering its twenty-first month.



Allen and Earl Steele.

These young men have now been in the city for nearly three weeks, and many organizations have heard their story. Local merchants have been visited and appraised of the fact that all Allen-A products are on the unfair list of the California State Federation of Labor.

A great deal of progress has been made in the last three months, as is evidenced by the fact that the Allen-A mills are now operating on part-time only. After watching the militant struggle put up by these young strikers against the Allen-A Co. several non-union mills have, in the last six weeks, signed up with the union.

All members of organized labor and their friends in San Francisco are urged to remember that the strike will continue indefinitely, and to do all in their power to aid this worthy cause.

After spending another week in San Francisco, the Steele Brothers will leave for Sacramento to continue their work there, and their program also includes Stockton, Fresno and Bakersfield.

CHARITY BALL ON THANKSGIVING EVE.

All arrangements have been completed for the Annual Charity Mardi Gras under the auspices of the local Parlors of Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, to be held at the Exposition Auditorium on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 27th. The proceeds are applied to a fund being devoted to the placement of homeless and orphaned children in homes with foster parents.

Since its inception nineteen years ago about 4000 children have been placed in homes for adoption and about \$30,000 is expended annually furthering this humanitarian movement. As this is a state-wide movement it is not provided for by the Community Chest.

James L. Foley is chairman and Mrs. W. H. Umy is secretary of the general committee. Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald has been selected as floor director and will be assisted by Louis Erb and George Schoenfeld.

A competitive drill between Native Daughter teams will start at 8 p. m., the Mardi Gras at 9 p. m., the grand march at 10 p. m., and unmasking at 11 p. m., after which the floor will be opened to the general public.

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In its resolve to organize the South the American Federation of Labor has assumed its mightiest task.

This movement will neither be local nor State-wide. Its area is larger than Continental Europe, exclusive of Russia.

The economic and social existence of the South in other days was bottomed on chattel slavery. There was much talk of "Jeffersonian Democracy," but every impulse was toward an oligarchical type of society.

This vast domain, now being industrialized, is dominated by a background whose historical reason has long since passed. The industrial powers that would feudalize the South by other outward forms use old cultures for their selfish purpose.

The attempt of a comparative few to maintain this social caste, standardization and regimentation is more pronounced in the South. It fits into the industrial autocrat's theory.

When this philosophy is linked with an individualism of agricultural and mountain folk who are being herded into mill villages, organized labor is confronted by a situation that calls for persistent education and agitation.

Other sections oppose organized labor, but the South's background makes this opposition unique.

Unionization of the South means more than higher wages and shorter hours. It means a new social outlook that the autocrat resists. It means destruction of an unlimited reservoir of low-wage labor that can be controlled because of age-long environment.

Democracy in industry is unthinkable when vast areas are overwhelmed by wage workers who are encouraged to maintain ideals that do not fit into our national outlook.

Duty and self-interest should impel trade unionists to assist this organization movement.

The men and women of the Southland who combat ancient ideals should be given every aid that the menace to a larger life and to higher standards elsewhere may be removed.

The mistress of the household represents the "purchasing power." She cannot go on a strike, but she can obviate the necessity of striking by demanding the union label.

POSTAL HEAD "PASSES BUCK."

"Passing the buck," is the comment of Thos. F. Flaherty, editor Union Postal Clerk, on Postmaster General Brown's rejection of the La Follette longevity and 44-hour measures.

Mr. Brown states that "the Director of the Budget advises the expenditure is not in accord with the financial policy of the President."

The Union Postal Clerk is the official magazine of the National Federation of Postal Clerks, affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

"We doubt that the Postmaster General gave these reports his personal attention," says Editor Flaherty. "We had reason to hope that these Coolidge evasions would not be used again. It insults the intelligence of postal workers, who know that the Director of the Budget does not control postal employment policies. He is merely used here as a bogey man by administrators who lack the courage to openly oppose the principle of the shorter working week in the Postal Service."

The Brown reports include the ancient postal deficit alibi and the cost of 44-hour legislation is estimated at \$13,626,000. The former assistant postmaster general, John H. Bartlett, estimated that the cost would be \$6,000,000, less than one-half the present figure.

The Brown reports make no mention of employees' increased productivity, decreased labor costs per unit, and other favorable factors assembled by Congressman Clyde Kelly in his report on a similar measure that was approved by the House Post Office Committee in the last Congress.

The Union Postal Clerk declares that President Hoover is too keen a student of economics "to be thus used by the postal bureaucracy as an excuse for its traditional policy of negation."

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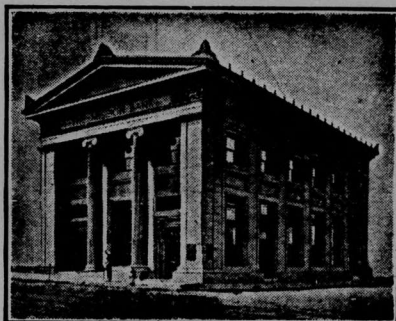
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Edited by the President of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21. Members are requested to forward news items to Rm. 604, 16 First Street, San Francisco.

At the November meeting, the secretary reported a membership, as of the first of the month, of 1512. M. F. Flynn was initiated as a journeyman, and J. F. Culley, L. L. Glass, Fred Lowell, A. J. Miraglio and J. F. Smith as apprentice members. . . . It was announced that December 11th had been set by the International Executive Council as the date for the referendum vote upon the constitutional changes initiated by the recent Seattle convention. . . . As the result of a motion by W. E. Pitschke, a committee composed of Messrs. Pitschke, Knell, Dutcher, Mappin, Kothe, Michelson and Baker, was appointed to devise means of bringing about a greater attendance at union meetings.

That the exhibition of fine printing (all the pieces carrying the union label) held in conjunction with the Seattle convention was effective, is evidenced by the fact that this feature of the convention has been commented on by several trade papers. Reproduced herewith are three half-tones which appeared in the Pacific Printer and Publisher, accompanying a long description of the exhibition. This, the first exhibit held in connection with a convention of the International Typographical Union, was first proposed by W. L. Slocum, and the majority of pieces shown were gathered in San Francisco and taken to the convention city by the President of No. 21. One of the outstanding features of the exhibition was the display of intricately mitered linotype borders, showing angles and curves never before demonstrated. This was the work of J. H. (Doc) Harriman of the Chronicle Chapel, who has patented a special device that can be attached to any composing room saw, making it possible to miter slugs at any desired angle. In order that his system might be fully understood, Mr. Harriman sent to Seattle the forms from which the pieces were printed. This feature created great interest. Following the convention the material used, with the exception of the mitered forms, was taken to International headquarters, where it will be used as part of a permanent exhibit of fine union label printing.

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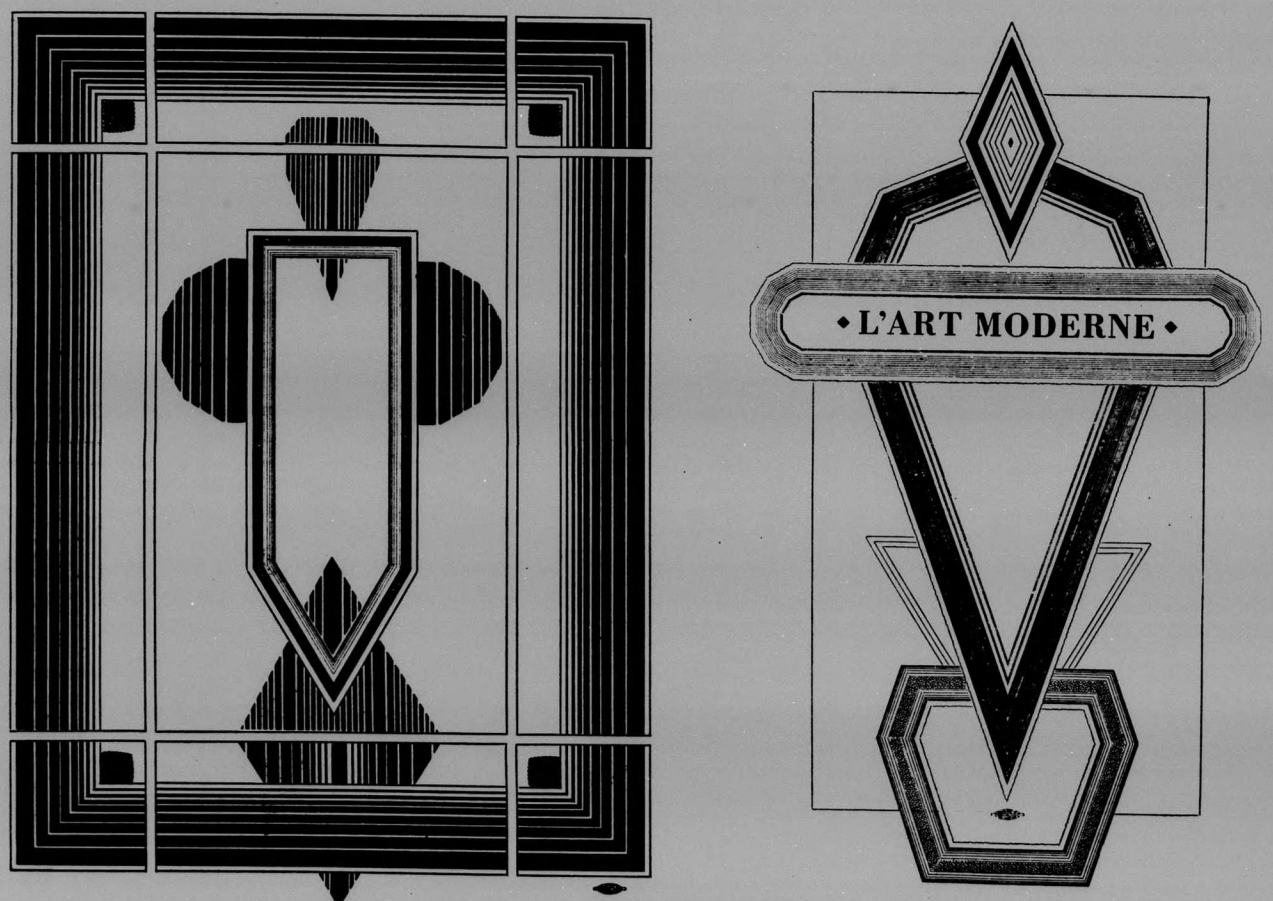
Here is an opportunity to assist in the union label campaign, by the women, who are not in position to patronize that emblem so freely as are the men on account of the fewer articles of women's wearing apparel made under union conditions. The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary

make a very small profit on a sale, which amount is used in furthering the work of their organization, and Mrs. M. E. Decker is in charge of the sale and the samples from which orders are taken. The primary purpose of the auxiliary, however, is to promote the demand for the union label and

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Wallace Shields, well known Monotype operator, has been suffering for the past two weeks from a severe stomach ailment that has kept him practically confined to his home.

Chronicle Chapel Notes—By C. C.

"White Oaks" Pilcher, well known realtor of the shop and also a radio fan, thought he was not getting enough out of his present radio set (he is only getting stations in the West, Middle West and most of the Eastern stations, to say nothing of Canada, Japan, Siberia and Patagonia), so being ambitious, Pilcher resolved that what he needed was a short wave set of super variety. Well, to make the story short, it was the bunk. He had a hard time getting short wave stations in Milpitas and the screen grid tubes would not screen the fog. Pilcher is now going to stay with local broadcasts.

Look what Jere Heilman handed us the other day. Sort of a short cut to mastering a portion of the linotype keyboard:

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Tomato	Had	Men	Bad
And	Ready	Forget	Girls
Onion	Daily	Wife's	Kick
Is	Labor	Youthful	Quite
Nourishing	Union	Pulchritude	Jubilantly

We nominate Mr. Heilman for a post on any educational committee of linotyping.

You have to hand it to the kids. The other night a large number of Boy Scouts were being conducted through the plant and as they passed by the operators, one very smart boy remarked: "Gee! These guys look half asleep." Not bad, eh?

Frank L. DeJarnatt decided to follow in the footsteps of Lyle Slocum in having some teeth extracted. Monday he walked into the office minus 15 chewers. Yes, Lyle, he'll have some soup.

Bill Clifford is confined to his home with illness. We, of the chapel, extend to Clifford the hope that he may be with us again soon.

Racing Form Chapel Notes—By Dilse (Himself)

Friends of "Bill" Rabourn, on both coasts and at way points, will be pleased to learn that he is the new skipper of Pacific Daily Racing Form. The change was made when N. J. Bartlett, foreman, left suddenly for Detroit. In the last few years Rabourn has been associated with the company on other of their publications, notably at New York, Chicago and Miami.

A distinguished visitor of last week was Arthur Brock, superintendent of the Oregon State Printing Office at Salem, who reminisced with Dilse Hopkins, the two having worked together on the Spokane Spokesman-Review as long ago as 1898. Incidentally, Vice-President Charles Derry was employed in the same shop at the same time.

An innovation in the Racing Form composing room, while an enjoyable one, is a thing that will probably not become common to other shops printers might mention. George Hirst, gentlemanly machinist, recently installed a radio, and now polishes spacebands with much eclat and the operators hum merrily as they pound out form charts while the latest jazz compositions permeate the otherwise pure air.



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MAILER NOTES.

By Leroy C. Smith.

The November union meeting was well attended. Among the business transacted was a resolution by President Christie, as follows: "Any member covering a situation is entitled to and must employ in his stead, whenever so disposed, the priority substitute. Provided, further, a fine of \$25.00 shall be imposed upon a foreman who interferes with a member employing any available competent substitute. Any chairman failing to report the violation of this section shall be fined \$25.00." This is a new section—No. 4, Article XII, General Laws, known as Proposition No. 102—by committee on laws and was adopted at I. T. U. Seattle convention. "This," President Howard stated at the convention, "is an extension of autonomy to local unions to deal with situations which arise in their jurisdiction."

We extend congratulations to President Howard and the officers of Chicago Typographical Union in negotiating a new commercial contract. It provides for a \$3.00 increase, making the rates \$57.00 and \$60.00, and the five-day week is established at the above rate for two years out of a five-year contract. President Howard has assured the Chicago mailers full support in their efforts to negotiate a new contract.

The Los Angeles mailer scribe, in August Typographical Journal, says: "Much of the success of No. 9 is due to the fact that we have not become embroiled in the political fight that has done so much to embitter and divide mailers." No. 9 elected two Administration party delegates to the Seattle conventions by a narrow margin. Shortly thereafter No. 9 went on record instructing the two delegates-elect to vote against one of the mailer president's pet measures, the levying of further assessments. Yes the No. 9 Journal scribe says they are not "embroiled" in the mailer "war." He is also of the opinion that a mailers' international would give all mailers greater benefits, for less money, than they pay into the I. T. U. "It probably will never come to pass," he states, "for mailers never seem to go for anything that is good for them." In making the latter statement we are surprised he omitted mentioning Chicago, Boston, Washington, D. C., and San Francisco. And in the light of what the M. T. D. U. secretary-treasurer's financial statement to the Seattle convention shows, we wonder what he thinks the per capita tax would amount to in a mailers' international. Probably he has some "inside" information on that subject from the "statistical" department of the M. T. D. U. If so, he might also be able to enlighten the membership why no monthly financial statement regarding M. T. D. U. receipts and expenditures has appeared in the Typographical Journal since July, 1926.

A prominent member of Boston mailers, in a letter to the writer, says: "Mr. C. N. Smith, in his report, states that one-third of the Boston mailers have paid up with the M. T. D. U. This is untrue. In the secretary-treasurer's report, Boston is credited with paying \$892.00 as back dues. That was the money collected by C. N. Smith's representatives last February, March and April. If one-third of our members had paid up with the M. T. D. U., the amount would have been almost \$1900.00." As C. N. Smith's representatives in Boston, J. Harrigan and J. Coleman, the secretary-treasurer's report shows, drew \$617.35 and \$607.00, respectively. It therefore cost the M. T. D. U. \$1224.35 to collect \$892.00. In the Secretary-treasurer's report for September, 1928, J. J. Furlong & Son, advance on printing convention proceedings, \$800.00. In October the same firm is allowed a balance of \$207.60 and John W. White is allowed

\$110.00 for mailing these proceedings. A sum total of almost \$1200.00. This same year Chicago and Boston did not receive any proceedings, so the run must have been cut down to 2200 instead of 2700, the number printed in former years. That being the case, as the figures show, then each one of the convention proceedings cost in the neighborhood of 50 cents apiece. And then, in the September expenses, both C. N. Smith and John W. White draw salary; in October they again draw salary, but this time for September and October. Not so bad. Anyway, financing the M. T. D. U. is an expensive business. The mailer president, in his report, recommends that "the ante" (per capita) be raised to 50 cents per member per month. The only "benefits" members derive from an M. T. D. U. that we can figure out is "taxes" and higher taxation.

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Several thousand printers employed in commercial shops in Chicago won the five-day week and raised wages \$3 a week. This is the first English-speaking affiliate of the International Typographical Union that has secured this gain. A five-year contract was signed. The short work-week will be operative in June, July and August during 1931 and 1932. Beginning April 1, 1933, it will operate continuously and the commercial trade will be on a 40-hour, five-day week basis.

The Governor of California has appointed his share of the committee to make investigations as to best plans for bridging San Francisco Bay between San Francisco and the East Bay region, and now that there is co-operation between the State and the Federal governments it is possible that something tangible will result in the next three or four years. The Golden Gate Bridge District in the meantime is going ahead under good leadership, and present plans indicate a promise of an early realization.

The daily press has recently been carrying stories to the effect that about one billion dollars will be spent for the holiday season, which is approaching rapidly. This is a vast amount of money and should cause trade unionists to wonder how much of it will be spent for the products and service of members of trade unions. We can not hope nor expect the wealthy nor those outside of our movement to give much thought to the spending of this great sum, but we are justified in believing that our own members will give it serious consideration. A gift should be a source of pleasure to the receiver and a source of satisfaction to the giver, yet this condition would seem impossible to trade unionists if they fail to demand and secure the union label on every gift they make, this including the least of any gift—a card of greeting. Of course, this is the duty of all trade unionists at any time, but it would seem to be particularly fitting during the time of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Let the true trade union spirit guide you in all of your holiday purchases and gifts this year. Let the thought that here is a time you can do something really worth while for your fellow trade unionists, as well as your friends to whom you make gifts, by spending "Union-earned money only for union-made goods or service."

A SOVIET REPLY

At the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor, Delegate Frank X. Martel told of an instance which directed attention to the real feelings of those who exercise mastership over Russia and its people under the regime of the soviets. He said a Detroit pattern concern secured a soviet contract amounting to \$165,000. When the attention of the soviet agents was called to the fact that the workers for the concern were out on strike because the firm was paying a wage \$6 below the union scale, the answer was promptly: "We are not interested in conditions here; we only care about those in Russia."

That answer very clearly indicates the spirit of brotherhood which actuates the little handful of dictators who domineer over the millions of poor dupes in the old empire of the Czar, but that will not make any difference to the dupes in this country who are always endeavoring to destroy the strong and democratic trade unions that have been builded up here with infinite pains and patience, with sacrifices and hardships and sufferings and privations in order that the workers of America might enjoy conditions better than those of any other country in the world.

While the toilers of Russia are living under the soviet dictators on a plane comparable with those of our domestic animals there are those here so foolish as to accept orders from Russia and strive day and night to bring about the destruction of the unions which have enabled our workers to stand upright as men and demand that they be recognized and respected as human beings. How any individual with a rational mind could be induced to engage in such practices is hard to understand, but the answer must be found in the fact that anyone who could not embrace sovietism must of necessity be possessed of a mind that is not sound, or is motivated by the promise of personal gain or advantage held out by the dictators and for such reasons stand ready to betray fellow workers into the clutches of tyrants.

A more vicious tyranny probably has never been established and maintained over any long period of time in the history of the world than that which now dominates Russia, and which has for more than ten years made slaves of the great mass of the people of that most unhappy country. When the Czar was overthrown in Russia it meant only that the people were stepping from the frying pan into the fire in spite of the fact that they undoubtedly had entertained the idea that any change at all could only result in benefit to them. They had been virtual slaves for so long that they could not picture anything in their minds that would be worse, so many of them concluded to throw their lot and the fortunes, such as they were, in with the shouters for a dictatorship of the proletariat. It was not long, however, after the soviets came into power, until the deluded people became aware that they had entered into a very bad bargain and that they were more helpless under the new scheme of things than they had ever been under the old. It is a very sad state of affairs but the people of Russia must work out their own destiny with such help as can be given them by liberty loving people everywhere.

The only thing the soviets are interested in relating to any other people or any other country is that they are hopeful that they may be able to extend their dictatorship over a larger number of people and over a greater expanse of the world's territory. It can be said in all confidence, however, that there is absolutely no hope for them on the North American continent because it is inhabited by a race of people that has struggled long years for the conditions they now enjoy and they place a value upon those conditions so high that no amount of paintings of firefly glows will induce them to chase off after the end of the rainbow. The people here have their feet on the ground and they propose to keep them there. They understand the soviet dictators thoroughly and have no use whatever for them.

THE CHERRY TREE

Where with our Little Hatchet we tell the truth about many things, sometimes profoundly, sometimes flippantly, sometimes recklessly.

The passing of "Brother Bill" Lee recalls the hostility between that veteran head of the Trainmen and another strong man, Warren S. Stone, so long head of the Engineers. Lee was much more the "simon pure" trade unionist. Stone, big of build and with a head spinning full of large dreams, liked to be thought of as lord of the railroad union world and he wanted to cut a big figure in the financial world. How big he dreamed! And what a crash. Time was when Warren Stone stood at the desk of Samuel Gompers and proudly exhibited a bank note bearing his picture as president of the Brotherhood Bank of Cleveland. That typified something Stone wanted. Up and up and up—and then, wham! Lee wanted to see his way through what he started. That was why he stood against the proposal of Stone for a general strike in 1921. Both Stone and Lee ended life in disappointment. But Lee left a record clean and clear to the end. He was known as a conservative, but properly interpreted that meant he was careful not to take risks beyond the bounds of wisdom and a decent regard for the chances and fortunes of others.

It will be well if the clatter and chatter about the Gastonia trial stays on an even keel. Disbarring a witness because of atheism, an otherwise evidently fair judge has given folks a lot to talk about. The incident is being used to the advantage of communist propagandists. It was vital that the Gastonia communists—the communists who went into Gastonia—have a fair trial. All the parlor pinks and the poseurs and the piddlers are wrought up by the Gastonia affair. They go beyond the case itself and invoke sympathy for the whole communist game. Let's get this straight: Communism is as dangerous a thing as ever got its foot into any free country. The trial of accused persons in Gastonia is one thing; the communist movement must not be confused with the trial. That must stand by itself. That communists went into the South long ago for distinctly communist purposes is no secret to those who want to know. That Moscow directs the movements of the communist propaganda in the United States is no secret. That the communist propaganda has for its purpose the destruction of the American trade union movement and the American government is the brag of the whole communist machine. There are some facts we do not have to forget, unless we want to and if we want to forget then we shall deserve just what we shall inevitably get.

When all the poor idiots had been forced to let go of their little handfuls of stock and their little vest pockets full, then along came John D. Rockefeller and his dearly beloved son and the two of them went down into Wall Street and gathered up the wreckage. They said to the multitude: "Be ye of great faith; all is well and we beseech calmness and confidence; now is a good time for all who are thrifty to untie the old sock and partake of securities." It was a great and touching picture. The elder Rockefeller came back into the picture as a hero, braving the rushing torrent, stemming the tide of panic, showing his countrymen an example of valor and wisdom and even generosity. He was, by gosh, a patriot. Let's cut out the bunk. He was out picking up his neighbors' crippled chickens after the cyclone and he was taking them back to his own yard. He was out getting choice bargains on which he will make oodles of profit. He was picking them off like so many sure shots in a fixed race. He was wise, no doubt, but a deuce of a long way from being a philanthropist. After everybody was properly sunk and done for he went out with a life boat. An old saying is that "them as has gits."

WIT AT RANDOM

Manager—Jones, how is it you've been away?
Junior Clerk—Please, sir, I have a certificate from my doctor saying that I could not work yesterday.

Manager—That's no use, I could give you a certificate saying that you never could work.—Forbes Magazine.

Margie would embarrass her mother every time she called on a friend by asking for something to eat. She was threatened with punishment if she ever did that again.

The next time they called on that friend, just before lunch time, Margie piped up:

"Mrs. Smith, are you hungry?"

"No, Margie," answered the hostess, "I'm not hungry."

"Well," said Margie, with a sigh, "I wish I was you."

A highly inebriated man once boarded an English railway tram and finally spied a vacant seat. Stumbling toward it, he asked the other occupant to move along, a request which was reluctantly granted. The man then said:

"Say, aren't you the lord chief justice?"

Receiving no answer, he waited a few minutes and repeated the question, to which the man replied in the affirmative with much reserve.

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Q.—What great international unions were organized in the South?

A.—The International Association of Machinists and the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, both organized in Atlanta, Ga., in 1889.

Q.—When and where was the United Textile Workers of America organized?

A.—November 19, 1901, at Washington, D. C.

Q.—Is the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers an independent union?

A.—It is an autonomous organization affiliated to the United Textile Workers of America.

Q.—What Southern city has twice had a convention of the American Federation of Labor?

A.—New Orleans, in 1902 and 1928.

Q.—What are the qualifications for membership in the United Textile Workers of America?

A.—Any person, male or female, actually working in a textile mill, is eligible for membership.

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For some time, San Francisco and the Bay Region has been shouting for a bridge across the bay. The bridge won't come to us—why not go out and get it? Action and co-operation will work wonders.

The Emporium

San Francisco

Brief Items of Interest

During the past week there has been but two deaths reported in San Francisco trade union circles: Joseph C. Tittell of the Postoffice Clerks, and Samuel Graham of the Shipwrights.

These new delegates were seated at the last meeting of the Labor Council: Lizzie Bryant of the Waitresses; Joseph F. Whelan, Frank W. Lynch, William E. Hamburg, F. A. Harrington, H. W. Friederich, Charles J. Benninger of the Federal Employees.

Word has been received from the labor movement of Port Angeles, Wash., to the effect that men in search of employment should stay away from that town as it is already flooded with idle men. There are no jobs to be had either by local or transient workers.

The Labor Council has made its annual donation to the Native Sons' homeless children fund. All those who can afford contributions are urged to contribute to this worthy cause.

The annual ball and entertainment of the Molders' Union will be held in the Auditorium of the Labor Temple tomorrow night, November 23rd. Turkeys will be drawn for by those in attendance on that occasion.

The contractors of California, who have not registered with the State Contractors' Registration Board of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, established by the last legislature, are to be rounded up. Letters have been sent to nearly 30,000, who are now listed as de-

linquents, to get in line. So far only about 10,000 have complied. It is said that the bulk of the delinquents are in Southern California. All in bad are informed that unless they get right by the end of the month arrests will be provided for by the law.

Charles Pengally of Fresno was re-elected president of the California State Conference of Bricklayers, Masons, Marble Masons, Tile Layers and Plasterers at the end of a successful convention held last week. Other officers elected were James Brown of Los Angeles, vice-president, and Edward Arnholt of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer. Sacramento was chosen for the next convention. The conference voted indorsement of the five-day week in their trades.

Only citizens of San Francisco shall be employed on the Hetch Hetchy project, according to a proposed ordinance drafted by City Attorney John J. O'Toole and referred by the Supervisors to the Public Utilities Committee yesterday. The ordinance, drafted at the Supervisors' request, provides also for an eight-hour day and six-day week. City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy has opposed its adoption on the ground that it will delay the completion of the Hetch Hetchy project.

Three hundred and forty-one bridge bills became law during the last Congress, states a report from the National Automobile Club. Of these, 65 will be publicly owned toll bridges, 165 privately owned toll bridges, and 112 free bridges.

Last June, Gore Bros., Inc., who conduct the Lyceum, Liberty, Regent, Optic, Moon and Art theatres in Los Angeles, ran for two days with moving picture operators who did not have a city license, and the result of that action, which was a violation of an ordinance, was that complaints were issued and the parties concerned were brought to trial. The trial was held November 13th and the three operators and Gore Bros., Inc., were found guilty, the operators were fined \$50 each, \$40 suspended for a period of six months. The corporation of Gore Bros., was found guilty on three counts and fines \$75 on each count. Gore Bros.' attorney served notice of appeal to a higher court. The Gore brothers are out on \$200 bail, and each of the operators are out on \$50 bail.

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